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Dr. SERMON'S Cathartique and Diuretique PILLS.

Friendly Reader,

HAving through the wonderful Goodneſs and Mercy of the Almighty God, by long Experience in ſearching the great Volume of Nature, by a diligent inſpection, obſerving the property of each Diſtemper, with the nature and occult quality of Metals, Minerals, and Vegetables; ſome years paſt arrived to the ſublime preparation of this moſt excellent Medicine, whoſe tranſcendent Virtues (of late) have been known to many Perſons of great Worth. A Medicament ſo exceeding rare, as admits no Rival for the performance of the foreſaid Cures, *&c.* the want which every year cauſeth great numbers of

Men, Women, and Children to deſcend untimely to their Graves.

Therefore I conceive it a duty highly incumbent on me, to let the World ſhare with me in the diſpenſation of ſo divine a Bleſſing: And ſo having conſequently taken upon me to give this Advertiſement, to the intent my Country-men may underſtand how ready and willing I am to communicate what I have received from the Author of all good things.

To ſpeak much in praiſe of theſe Pills, were but to give jealouſie, and indeed occaſion to undervalue them, for they have ſpoken loud enough for themſelves all over *England*; and had they not been found by their ſucceſsful operation and virtue, to exceed all other Medicines hitherto invented againſt the Dropſie, ſome that account themſelves able Phyſicians, would never have made uſe of them in the courſe of their Practice, by making them up into Electuaries, and otherwiſe handling them for their own private convenience.

I ſhould be too tedious with the Reader, to enumerate the ſeveral Cures have been effected by this Pill ſince its firſt preparation, *Anno* 1661. and to inſert the ſeveral Letters Gratulatory ſent from moſt parts of *England*, &c. to me: Wherein are recounted the ſeveral miraculous Cures done on perſons (that before the taking this Medicine) could foreſee nothing but *Death*. And if any are deſirous to be ſatisfied of the

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verity hereof, I ſhall readily upon requeſt ſhew the Originals. And now I muſt tell you, there is a ſtrange humour (which becauſe it is *ſeries naturæ*, and came into the world with mankind, I may be numbred amongſt humane frailties) was ever predominant in our affections; that is, when any perſon through zeal to the publique good, hath brought any thing to paſs that findeth entertainment and reception in the world, he ſhall be *tranſuorſis oculis*, looked on by thoſe of the ſame Faculty and Profeſſion, as though he had done ſome injuſtice to the Laws of Friendſhip and common Society; but 'tis no new thing, as aforeſaid, ſince I find it taken notice of by an ancient *Greek* Poet, who ſaith,

κὴ πτώχῳ πτώχωδονεῖ κὴ τέκτονι τέκτων.
Mendicus mendico, faber fabro invidet. Heſiod.

And 'tis miraculous what devices and contrivances are uſed and complotted, purpoſely to diſlodge the good opinion the world have of the thing thus accompliſhed: *'Tis my caſe; for ſome that profeſs themſelves Phyſicians, have acknowledged, as in juſtice to its merits,* (*they could do no leſs*) that my Pills are the onely and abſolute Medicine to combate the Dropſie. Yet leſt they ſhould be totally excluded from all pretenſions of curing the ſame, they uſe this reſtriction, That it leaveth ſome evil qualities behind it. Thus to ſave me a labour, they baffle themſelves *in terminis*.

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Herein I would not be understood to reflect on able and learned Physicians, (some of which are my worthy friends) those being too ingenious to embarque themselves in such base and degenerous actions.

And whereas some report they know the Composition of my Pills, thereby having occasion to foyst any thing (especially) on the ignorant people; let them enjoy their own opinions, but I conceive them profoundly mistaken, as will soon be found by any that adventure to make use of them; *none being as yet privy thereunto, my Wife excepted, to whom I have made known the whole Preparation thereof, that if it please God she survive me, it may still be prepared for the benefit of my Countrey*; that being my principal Design, let the absurd judge their pleasure: Otherwise I should not have troubled my self to have put forth these Books, which are not to be had about the Streets, but for Directions, (delivered with the Pills) and no otherwtse, except upon requeſt; therefore to whose hands they come to, they may be pleased to keep them, not onely for their own use, but for the benefit of their Friends: for in them is inserted nothing but Truth. Therefore I shall not for the future concern my self in farther vindication of this Pill, but continue the true Preparation and Directions for the use of the same, and for the wonderful Virtues thereof: I shall refer you to others to be informed. Which few Instances shall serve for all; and shall omit to make mention

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tion of the Persons I have cured with this Medicine off the *Dropsie*, and *Scurvy* in the City of *London*, 1662, 63, and 64. and shall only insert some remarkable Cures performed of late years in the City of *Bristol*, before I was sent for from thence, *to Cure His Grace the late Lord General* Monck, *who by the Virtue of my Pills in twenty eight dayes evacuated* by Stool twelve Gallons of Water, his Swellings all abated, and he became perfectly Cured, as you may understand by what follows, being a true Copy of the Certificate under his Hand and Seal.

These are to certifie all whom it may concern, That Mr. William Sermon, *Professor of Physick, was the Person, by Gods blessing, who did perfectly cure me with much ease, and in a short time.* Given under my Hand and Seal at *New Hall* this 12th day of *July*, 1669.

ALBEMARLE.

In this Edition I have omitted to insert the Case of the Duke of Albemarle, *as it was found in Dissection,* Jan. 4. 1669. *believing all sober Persons are well informed, that his Grace was perfectly Cured by my Pills, and that at last he died not of the Dropsie, as many enviously report.*

However, if there be any that are not satisfied of the truth thereof, I refer them to read the Life and Actions

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of General Monck, page 246. 254. 476. *written by that Reverend Divine Dr.* Thomas Gumble, *Chaplain to his late Grace.*

Mr. *James Perry*, formerly living at the *White Lion* in *Broad ſtreet* in the City of *Briſtol*, was ſorely afflicted with the *Dropſie*, his Belly, Thighs, and Legs extreamly ſwelled, and very hard; inſomuch that he could not go: he had a great Cough and Suffocation of the Lungs, loathed his Meat, who for the ſpace of ſeventeen Weeks uſed all means imaginable, and had the advice of Fifteen Phyſicians; ſome cauſed him to be Cupt, others uſed Scarification, *&c.* but took no effect; ſo they all left him for a dead man: Yet by Gods bleſſing with two or three Boxes of my Pills, which cauſed him to evacuate by Stool at ſeveral times about ſixteen Gallons of diſcoloured water, beſides, forced Urine freely, all his Swellings forthwith abated, his Ulcers (unskilfully procured) healed, and he was perfectly cured in thirty ſix days. This was effected in *November* and part of *December*, 1666.

James Perry is lately deceaſed, and nothing leſs could be expected; ſince notwithſtanding Friendly Admonitions and Cautions to the contrary, he fell to his old courſe of drinking Brandy and other ſtrong Liquors, by which means the malignity of his Diſtemper (in ſome proceſs of time) revived, and he expired. For 'tis an infallible Rule in Philoſophy, *Eadem cauſa eundem producit effectum*: *The ſame cauſe produceth the*

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ſame effect; which Rule might have taken place for his great advantage, if he had conſulted me in time, uſed my Pills and Directions, as formerly. Therefore in kindneſs to all perſons that have not an utter diſregard to their own ſafety, by this example I do caution, that they do (in as much as in them lieth) forbear the overmuch drinking of ſtrong Liquors. *For be aſſured upon my long Experence, that under their Conduct marcheth the Dropſie, Scurvy, Conſumption, and other mortal Diſeaſes,* as more at large will be (in a ſmall Treatiſe that I intend e're long for the Preſs) demonſtrated.

Mr. *Robert Liſſon*, living about the middle of the *Shambles* in *Briſtol*, was far gone in the *Dropſie*, and had a Cough that very ſorely vexed him, was cured by one Box of Pills, that exceeded not 12. *ſhillings*.

Upon *Whitſunday* 1667. I was called to one Mr. *Will. Kinton* Copper-ſmith, formerly living at the *Red Lion* in *Caſtle-ſtreet*, who was troubled much with that *Dropſie* called *Aſcites*, which is when much watry humour is heaped up between the skin, or the film called *Peritonæum*, and the Bowels: he had a great Cough, left by all hopeleſs, and had been at a vaſte charge; was cured by two 8. *ſhilling* Boxes of my Pills.

Alſo *Richard Davies* belonging then to the Sugar-houſe in *Temple-Street*, very far gone in that *Dropſie* called *Anaſarca*, which is, when the humour is diſperſed throughout the whole Body,

that the flesh doth appear altogether moist, and wet like a Spunge. This Cure I effected in *Jan.* 1667.

Mr. *Peter Grant*, living at the sign of the *Angel* in *St. Mary Port-Street, Bristol*, being brought exceeding low with the Dropsie, who also had a violent pain in his Stomach, his breath very short; his Relations and Friends giving him over, having no hopes of life, aged near 60: he at last making use of about 16. *shillings* worth of my Pills, was in a short time perfectly Cured.

Also *Anne Estridge* aged near 22. in St. *Peters Street*, in the City aforesaid, for want of her monethly sickness, fell into a Dropsie, and so extremely swelled, that her belly, thighs, and legs were ready to split, who for some time lay speechless, yet by Gods blessing and my Pills was perfectly cured.

One *Phillis*, in *Wind-street*, in the same City, aged near 50. her monethly Courses had left her, and she being full of excrementious humors, fell into a violent Dropsie, *&c.* very much swelled, and in great pain, whom I cured in few weeks.

And for the future to prevent such Accidents, I advise the Female Sex about the time that those are leaving them, to take some of my Pills (as directed in this Book) for certainly it hath been found, and still will be, the best Medicine under the Heavens in such cases, not onely to prevent the Dropsie, but several distempers that beget Mortality before the appointed time; which none

none ſhall paſs, neither can then Phyſick take the leaſt effect.

The Wife of Mr. *Arthur Baker*, in the Pariſh of *Cromwel* in the Gounty of *Gloceſter*, afflicted much with the Dropſie, and ſorely tormented with a *Spaſmas*, a Diſeaſe in which the ſinews are drawn or pluckt up againſt the Patients will, was cured by my Pills, though in the Winter time, and very much Froſt and Snow.

Mr. *William Underhill*'s Son, in the Pariſh of *Bitton*, five miles from *Briſtol*, afflicted with that Dropſie, called *Tympanites* (which is, when much windineſs and ſuperfluous vapours is gathered in the aforeſaid places of the belly, was cured with two or three Boxes of my Pills.

Since his Grace the late Lord General received a perfect Cure in June *and* July, 1669. *by my Pills, ſeveral Perſons of great Honour are ready to ſubſcribe to the worth of this* Arcanum, *having received benefit thereby.*

Alſo Mr. *John Ford*, one of the Members of the Houſe of Commons, received much good by the taking of my Pills.

Mr. *Edmond Saunders* Barreſter of the *Middle-Temple*, inclinable to the Dropſie and Scurvy, had help thereby; after which, being at *Gloceſter*, ſent for a 12 *s.* Box of my Pills, and gave them freely to the Wife of one *Watkins* in *Witton* near the City aforeſaid, by which means ſhe was ſoon cured, though far gone in a Dropſie. I could wiſh all (with him) that are able to be charitable to the Poor.

Likewiſe Captain *Anthony Langſtone*, Captain *Wodlow* of the *Sun-Tavern* in *Thrid-needle-Street*, received help by my Pills.

Mr. *Lewis Reme*, Painter to his Grace *Chriſtopher* Lord Duke of *Albemarle*, much troubled with the Dropſie, had help by my Pills.

Captain *John Wharton*, in *George-Yard* in *King-ſtreet Weſtminſter*, much troubled with the Dropſie and Scurvy, became very weak, was perfectly cured with two or three Boxes of my Pills.

Mr. *Chriſtopher Brenam*, at the ſign of the *Chriſtopher* in *Duffins Alley*, near the Mitre Tavern in *King-ſtreet Weſtminſter*, being far gone in the Dropſie, his belly, thighs, and legs very much ſwelled, his appetite as it were altogether dejected and loſt; by taking of my Pills, had help in a ſhort time: But about ten or twelve moneths after, by reaſon of taking cold, *&c.* fell into a relapſe, and then became ſo extraordinary ſwelled and ſuffocated in his Lungs, that he could hardly breath; ſo accidentally ſeeing him, proffered to ſerve him, and that I did not doubt, but from a ſecond uſe of my Pills, would reſult a ſecond Cure: But by his diſcourſe I found that he had an inclination to try ſome other means; which accordingly finding all attempts of that kind ineffectual, himſelf and friends then concluded it a matter impoſſible ever to recover him; then were my Pills their *ultimum refugium*; with two or three Boxes whereof (through Gods wonderful Goodneſs) was reſtored perfectly to his

his health, to the admiration of many who can and will, if occaſion require, give their Teſtimony thereof.

Mr. *Parkeſon* at the Coffee-houſe at the upper end of *Chick-Lane* near *Weſt-Smithfield*, extremely troubled with ſhortneſs of breath, his appetite loſt, his legs ſwelled, and very little hopes of recovery, was in a ſhort time cured by taking a Box or two of my Pills.

Nicholas Waight in St. *Johns Court* in *Cow-Lane*, by reaſon of a great Surfeit cauſed by overmuch drinking, was reduced to a very weak condition, a violent Cough, and ſtopping in his ſtomach; his appetite dejected, inſomuch, that all his friends judged it impoſſible for him to live; who had remedy, by taking ten of my Pills, with a Medicine of ſmall value that I directed for his Cough.

Mr. *John Walker* Attourney, living near the *Whale-bone* in *Loathbury*, being troubled with a violent ſtraining, and every morning ſubject to vomit, alſo had vapours ariſing from his ſtomach, which did very much offend his head, but could receive no benefit by any Medicine whatſoever, until he took of my Pills.

Mr. *John Rives*, not long ſince living at the *Anchor*, at the upper end of *Lumbard-ſtreet*, having an indiſpoſition of body, at laſt fell into a Dropſie, Scurvy, *&c.* But taking it in time, was cured with one Box of my Pills.

Mrs. Seawel, in *Well-yard* in *Little St. Bartholo-*

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mews, very dangerously afflicted with that Dropsie called *Tympanites*, her belly extremely swelled; she had lost her appetite, and was very weak; but through Gods mercy, by taking of my Pills was perfectly restored to her former health.

Mr. *Shipton*, at the *Horse-shoe* over against *Clarendon House*, had help thereby.

Richard Jenkins a Water-man, living in *Lambeth-Marsh*, troubled with a violent pain and stoppage in the stomach, loathed his meat; by taking two or three times of my Pills, which caused several Worms to be voided upward, and much watery and slimy matter by Stool, fortwith became perfectly well.

Mr. *Thomas Refould*, and Mrs. *Anne Refould* his Wife, living at the *Prince of Orange* in *Cannon-Row Westminster*, were both cured of the Dropsie by my Pills.

Mr. *Day*, living at the Coffee-house in *Chappel-street Westminster*, violently afflicted with the Dropsie, and full of salt sharp humours, his belly and members extremely swelled, was with seven 4 *s.* Boxes of my Pills cured.

Serjeant *Granger*, in *Bishops-head Court* in *Grays-Inn-Lane*, was cured of the Dropsie with two 12 *s.* Boxes of my Pills.

Mr. *Thomas Harrison*, at the *Mermaid* in *Red-Lion-Fields* near *Holborn*, far gone in the Dropsie, his belly, thighs, and legs very much swelled, left off for dead, was in a short time cured by taking of my Pills.

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Miſtreſs *Dobſon* at the *Facob* and 12. *Sons* in *Red-Croſs-Street*, had help thereby.

Mr. *Rich. Mills* his Son of *Enfield* in the County of *Middleſex*, within ten miles of *London*, aged about 14. years, his belly and members, *&c.* very much ſwelled; his Father ſought all means imaginable, but found none, till he took of my Pills, with which he received a perfect Cure.

Mr. *Joſeph Haylock*, ſervant to Mr. Alderman *Gray* in the Town aforeſaid, moſt violently afflicted with the Dropſie, and had a great Cough and Suffocation of the Lungs; ſo that it appears that the Judgment of *Hypocrates* is not altogether irrefragable, that in his 35th *Aphoriſme*, vi. book ſaith,

Τοῖσιν ὑδρωπικοῖσι βὴξ ἐπιγενομένη κακόν.
Tuſſis, ſi Hydropici ſuperveniat malum.

'Tis a mortal ſign where a Cough accompanieth the Dropſie.

He ſpet abundance of corrupt and fœtid matter, and was left off by all for a dead man, and at laſt I cured him for three and twenty ſhillings, though in the midſt of his Cure (as many have been to their utter ruine) was perſwaded againſt me, and my Pills; ſo that in plain terms he left me off for ſix weeks; but at length begg'd me to take him again, being very unwilling (when he had got a pair of Spectacles) to be perſwaded to his Grave.

For this Medicament is always effectual if taken before the Liver and the reſt of the principal bowels

bowels are putrified, or nature decayed (which ſoon happeneth in ſome conſtitutions) and ſometimes it pleaſeth God to afflict men with ſuch diſeaſes, as no man ſhall heal, (as you may read at large in the Holy Scriptures) but where diſeaſes are curable, this medicine with Gods help moſt certainly prevails; *therefore you that mind your own welfare, take it in time, and my life for yours you will have no cauſe to repent.*

Mrs. Sumter — at the *Golden Key* in *Bell-yard*, ſorely tormented with the Scurvy and Dropſy, very much ſwelled; alſo a violent Cough, and ſuffocation of the Lungs: all that knew her, had no hopes of her life, was perfectly cured with two 4 *s.* Boxes of my *Pills.*

Another cure effected upon a perſon of the Female ſex, being ſorely troubled with ſharp humours falling upon her eys and palate, her throat very ſore, inſomuch that ſhe could not ſpeak; I deſired her to open her mouth, I found her palat eaten off, and the root of the tongue ulcerated; the Noſtrils very bad: with much ado ſhe confeſſed that ſhe had been under cure, and was ſalviated; it coſt her 8 pounds, but to no purpoſe: in 28 days ſhe was perfectly cured with two 12 *s.* boxes of my *Pills*, & the uſe of this Gargariſm made as follows

Take Vine-leaves, or the tops, when the leaves are not to be had, the inward Bark of Elm-tree, of each one handful; Roch-Allom, Ginger groſly beaten, of each half an Ounce; Album Græcum *one ounce; boil all theſe in one quart of Spring-Water to the conſumption of the third part, add thereto*

to half a pound of the beſt Honey, let it boil 2 or 3 walms, ſtrain it, and gargle the Mouth and Throat therewith, and with a Syringe caſt ſome into the Noſtrils warm: this done, with the uſe of my Pills, will both preſerve the Noſe and Palate too, &c.

Mr. *John Price* Shooe-maker, living formerly in *Iſlington*, long troubled with an Indiſpoſition of Body, and a violent pain and weakneſs in one of his ſhoulders, had perfect help by taking a Box or two of my Pills.

Mr. *Will. Burt*, and at the *Red Lyon* in the *Butcher-Row* near *Temple-Bar*, moſt dangerouſly tormented with the Dropſie, his face, belly, thighs, and legs, *&c.* horribly ſwelled and puſt up; he was alſo Aſthmatical, or troubled with ſhortneſs of breath, inſomuch that it was thought he could not poſſibly live 48 hours; yet through Gods goodneſſe by taking my Pills according to directions, was it were changed from death to life, and perfectly cured in a ſhort time.

Though before he had made uſe of all means poſſible, and was purged ſufficiently. *But not with Medicines of the ſame nature of my Pill, (for I challenge the whole world to produce the like) which is not only* Cathartique, *but withall, fortifies or ſtrengthens the principal Bowels,* &c.

Mr. *John Farr*, at Mr. *Langley's* houſe at the *two Rabbets* and *Pidgeon* in *Greens-Lane* near *Charing-Croſs*, Extremely troubled with the Dropſie, very much ſwelled, left off by all for a dead man; his Wife came to me, and related his con-

dition, which was very ſad to hear. I (*abhorring to take Mony where I judge no good to be done*) was unwilling to let her have a Box of my Pills, judging (according to her report) not poſſible for him to recover, but ſhe would not go without them; ſo it pleaſed God, that one box thereof perfectly cured him.

A young Lady having the *Small Pox*, and being recovered of the ſame, in few months after, by reaſon of ſome obſtructions, had 4 Ulcers broke forth in her left Leg, and could not by any means be healed, untill ſhe took of my Pills, though it had coſt her before thirty odd pounds, and had drunk plentifully of the vvaters too, vvhich by taking 3 or 4 boxes of my Pills, vvith keeping the ſores clean vvith a liquor I preſcribed, vvas in 30 dayes perfectly cured. Therefore *I* counſell ſuch, that often drink the waters, not to be vvithout ſome ſmall quantity of my Pills; and take thereof once or tvvice a vveek, though in the foreſaid courſe; For I vvell knovv that thoſe vvaters are deſtructive to many; more eſpecially, to Hydropical perſons, and ſuch of them that are great drinkers of Sack and Clarret, *&c.* For certainly nothing can be more pernicious to them, then to forſake raſhly their vvonted cuſtom, and fall to drinking of crude or ravv vvater, vvhich over much cools the blood; (*The very Balſome of life*) *when by taking of my Pills it will be made ſweet, and ſoon brought to its firſt purity, by which means the Dropſie with many other violent Diſeaſes are cured.*

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A Gentlewoman aged near 25, being married ſix or ſeven years, by reaſon of over-much humidity or moiſtneſſe of the Womb, *&c.* could not conceive with Child; hearing of my Pills, ſhe took two or three boxes thereof, which cauſed her to evacuate much wind & water, and within 3 months conceived. I could give an account of ſeveral others that have received the like benefit.

More of this nature you may be pleaſed to read in a ſmall Treatiſe lately by me ſet forth for the particular uſe of Child-bearing-women, called **The Ladies Companion, Or, the Engliſh Midwife.** Wherein is demonſtrated, The *Manner* and *Order* how Women ought to *govern themſelves*, during the whole time of their *breeding Children*; and of their *difficult Labour*, *hard Travail*, and *lying in*, &c. Together with the *Diſeaſes* they are ſubject to, (eſpecially in ſuch times) and the ſeveral *ways* and *means* to help them. Alſo, the various Forms of the Childs proceeding forth of the Womb: in 17 Copper Cuts, *&c.* Sold by *Edward Thomas* at the *Adam* and *Eve* in *Little Britain.*

Mr. *Iſaac Key* of *Neyland*, in the County of *Suffolk*, aged 69. ſorely afflicted three or four years with a violent Ague and Feaver, firſt ſhaking him for an hour or two; and then followed an extreme burning, which continued each Fit 24 hours, and at length he fell into the Dropſie, and was very much ſwelled, & troubled with ſharp humors, which broke out, and put him to much pain, he

made uſe of all means he could hear of, but found nothing that took the leaſt effect; ſo hearing of my Pills, and the great Cures effected thereby in the ſame County, he forthwith made uſe thereof, which brought abundance of water from him, and alſo abated his Fits, in ſo great a meaſure, he ſcarce knew when they came, which before he took of my Pills, wholly deprived him of his ſtrength, ſo that he was not able to turn himſelf in his bed; but in this courſe he loſt no ſtrength, and in a ſhort time thoſe intollerable fits quite left him, and his Dropſie alſo perfectly cured.

After which, he commended my Pills, to a Kinſwoman of his, aged about 18; who alſo was intollerably afflicted with the Dropſie, and had made uſe of all means ſhe could hear of, but to no purpoſe; and at the laſt, by taking of my Pills, was ſtrangely recovered. Firſt, ſhe took two, and then three, vvhich cauſed her to Vomit; Afterwards ſhe took four, and then five, vvhich operated ſomevvhat ſtronger, and ſo broke a congealed ſubſtance that lay in her body, much in form like to a Cake vvhich in pieces came forth by Stool, and ſo ſhe became perfectly vvell, and free from the Dropſie. Not many weeks after, by reaſon of a Surfeit, ſhe broke out all over her face, body, thighs, legs, *&c.* and was ſo lame ſhe could not go; She had alſo a riſing in her throat which every hour was like to choak her, and a violent Fever every night, inſomuch that all her Relations and Friends gave her over for dead.

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But through Gods bleſſing by taking ſome more of my Pills, was again perfectly cured of all thoſe pernicious infirmities, and now as well or better than ever in health.

I will not omit, but let you know of a miraculous Cure alſo effected upon Mrs. *Key*, with nine of my Pills, her diſtemper was ſuppoſed at firſt to be a Pleuriſie; for which ſhe had been let blood ſufficiently (though antient) but found no benefit thereby; ſhe was ſo exceeding weak, that the Phyſitians, and all her Relations gave her over for a dead Woman. Her complaint was of burnt Choller in her Stomach; and ſaid to her Huſband, if it could not be removed, ſhe muſt forthwith dye: ſo he gave her three of my Pills, which for the preſent cauſed her to be very ſick; But when ſhe had had two or three Stools, ſhe perceived the aforeſaid Choller to be carried off, and wholly to be expelled; after which ſhe perceived more than an ordinary hollowneſs in the part before-mentioned; ſo ſhe took 3 Pills more, which cauſed a good Appetite to eat; and in few daws after took the other 3, and ſo became perfectly well to the admiration of all that ſaw her.

Mrs. *Jones* the Wife of Mr. *John Jones* over-againſt the *Bull* in *Brantham* in the County of *Suffolk* near *Ipſwich*, very ſar ſpent in the Dropſie and Scurvy, and exteremely ſwelled all over her Head, Face, Arms, Body, Thighs, and Legs, and the ſwellings very hard; her legs were ſwelled above half a yard about, and ſometimes her

Eyes would we puft up that ſhe could not ſee; ſhe was alſo troubled with a violent Cough, and a riſing in her throat, inſomuch that ſhe was as it were ſuffocated or choaked up; many times ſhe was deprived of her Speech: She had a violent pain in her head, & oftentimes as it were diſtracted with it: Her condition was ſo dangerous, that ſhe had made uſe of all the ableſt Phyſicians that ſhe could hear of, but found not the leaſt benefit by them; and at length they all left her off, and ſaid, that ſhe could not live many dayes; And then it pleaſed God that ſhe was directed to my Pills, which perfectly cured her in 2 months; which wonderfull Cure was effected in *June* and *July*, in the Year 1670.

Mrs, *Anne Brinley*, the Wife of Mr. Alderman *Brinley*, in the City of *Worceſter*, moſt horribly afflicted with the Dropſie, and Scurvy, her belly thighs, and legs extremely ſwel'd, and almoſt deprived of breath; ſhe had made uſe of many eminent and able Phyſicians (who queſtionleſs uſed their beſt endeavors) yet to no purpoſe, and ſo left by all her neareſt Relations for a dead Woman, but accidentally hearing of my Pills, and making uſe thereof according to directions, forthwith evacuated abundance of water by ſtool, *&c.* Her ſwellings all abated in a ſhort time, and ſhe became perfectly well to admiration. This great Cure was effected about *Midſomer*, 1670. Since which time many more of good quality, in and adjacent to that City, have found wonderful good thereby.

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A Country Lady aged near 22; by reaſon of obſtructions, fell into the Scurvy, and Dropſie, and was very much ſwelled throughout her whole body, who ſought all means poſſible for cure, but found nothing effectual, until ſuch time ſhe took of my Pills; and being almoſt cured, a Phyſician (none of the honeſteſt ſort) giving her a viſit, and obſerving the ſtrange effects of my Pils, in ſo ſhort a time, took an occaſion to commend them very highly, and did affirm them to be the only medicine againſt the Scurvy and Dropſie; but to regain his Patient (not for want of ignorance loſt) that he might get ſome more of her monies, plainly told her, that ſhe muſt not expect to live many years. For ſaith he, *Sermon's Pills* are of a poyſonous Compoſition, and leaves behind them ſome evill vapours, that hurts the brain, *&c.* The good Lady being timorous, not obſerving the grand deſign of this ſubtile Cheat, forthwith left off taking my Pills, untill ſhe was the ſecond time left off by him, *&c.* and then none of her Relations had the leaſt hopes of her life; but being again perſwaded by a perſon of worth (that had made uſe of my Pills for the ſpace of 7 Years at ſome certain ſeaſons) who did ſatisfie her, that it was a comon thing to carp againſt that which is moſt publickly beneficial: ſo ſhe took my Pills the 2 time, and before ſhe had taken two 12 s. Boxes, was perfectly reſtored to her former health, and now looks more lovely in her Complexion then ever; which argues my Pills to be of no venemous

mous mixture, but a real, true, and harmleſs medicine.

A Gentlewoman aged near 45 adjacent to the City of *Lond.* ſorely tormented with violent pain in her head, and great ſtoppage in her ſtomack, full of wind, & exceeding troubled with the Scurvy and Dropſie, by taking 3 or 4 ſmal boxes of my Pils, was very ſtrangely cured by voyding a monſtrous worm by ſtool, very large, and ſeven foot in length; by which means ſhe was altogether freed of that long continued miſery, and withal perfectly cured of the Dropſie: ſince which time ſhe hath cured ſeveral with my Pills, and may out of charity.

"Two young Ladies, the elder not above 15, moſt horribly afflicted with the *Scrophulos*, or that Diſeaſe commonly called the *Kings-Evil*; They were broke forth in ſeveral places, which by the taking my Pils but one Spring and Fall were perfectly recovered, only they were kept to a certain Drink, and to the ſores, I directed plaiſters to be applyed freſh once a day. The effects of thoſe Pills are ſuch, *That they above all purging Medicines moſt certainly cures Diſtempers of this kind, &c. And by their Balſomick virtue, ſtrengthens the vital, Animal and Natural Spirits.*

"Such that take thoſe Pils againſt the Scurvy, *&c.* (no purging Medicine more prevalent) it much broken forth in puſtles, ſcabs, *&c* annoint the part, going to bed, with the Oyntment made as followeth, and doubt not the Cure.

Take

Take oyntment of Roſes 3 ounces, the white oyntment with Camphire two ounces, ſal prunella *one ounce,* mercurius dulcis, *ginger, burnt Allom, of each half an ounce; make it into an oyntment with oyl of Roſes, and juice of* Lemons,

How to prevent and cure the Gout (eſpeeially where it is not hereditary or long contracted, with all other violent pains in the joynts) by my Pills, and the following *Bolus*, which I have often proved to be true.

Take Venicee Treacle, one drachm, the powder of Virginy *Snake-weed, Gaſcoign powder, Diaphoretick Antimony, of each* 10 *Grains, Saffron, Salt of Scurvy-Graſs, Wormwood, and Salt of Aſh, of each 5 grains; make it up into a* Bolus, *with the Syrrup of Ground pine; take it about 4 or 5 of the clock in the afternoon, by it ſelf, or with hot Sack, &c. being in bed eover'd warm, ſweat as you are able to bear it, and rub your ſelves with warm cloaths, and be ſure to take no cold. The very next morning take three or four of my Pills, more or leſs, according to the ſtrength of your bodies; thus do two days in five, the* Bolus *may ſerve the weaker ſort twice. I judge this method ſufficient to cure many occult and dangerous diſtempe'rs, (eſpecially where the body is not too much maciated)* The Bolus you may have made up by any Apothecary, or by my ſelf, which you pleaſe.

Honoured Doctor,

WHen the Microcoſme, my Body, was overflowed with a vaſte deluge of the *Dropſie*, in ſo extraordinary a manner, as that I deſpaired of all hopes, (as to life) expecting nothing but that I ſhould be drowned in ſo great a floud: It pleaſed God then to direct me to You, *(whom I would the world knew better)* who under him was an Ark to preſerve me ſafe, to keep me from ſinking; and now mankind is reſtored, not as the Poets feigned, by throwing ſtones over my head; but by ſwallowing your Pills down my throat, which produced ſtrange effects. I had almoſt ſaid, as that ſtones ſhould become men; a ſtrange Metamorphoſis! that from ſuch a Chaos of Confuſion, from ſuch a Maſs of diſordered matter, from ſuch a heap of indigeſted humours. I ſhould

by your Art, as if nature had been new moulding me, be wrought into ſo goodly a Fabrick, and be reduced to my wonted Feature; that whereas I was *monſtrum horrendum*, I am now *Corpus humanum*; it ſeems to me even a Paradox, that whereas I was dead, (for ſo I was accounted to be) I ſhould by your Pills alone be revived; nay, which is the moſt wonderful; I was buried alive, for ſo ſmall were my Relations hopes concerning me, that they looked upon me really as dead, waiting daily for my diſſolution: Even then with Gods bleſſing accompanying your Pills, I was reſcued from the jaws of Death; I was raiſed as it were out of my Grave, and am yet alive, and ſhall ever bleſs God in your behalf, that you may live long, and do much good, is the deſire of him who am,

Sir,

Yours becauſe you have ranſomed me,

From *Ipſwich* *Sept.* 27. 1671.

James Major.

Briſtol 22. *of the* 1st *month* 1672.

William Sermon,

THeſe are to certifie thee and any other to whoſe view theſe Lines may come, that about the 8th. moneth, 1671. my body was afflicted with ſuch a pain in my ſtomach, and through the tedioufneſs thereof ſo bowed me down, that I could hardly bear my body up; at which time it came into my mind to make uſe of thy Pills; and took for the firſt doſe five, about the ninth hour in the morning being in my bed; and about one hour after drunk one Pint of very warm Ale; whereupon they began to work (procuring divers Stools, conſiſting of a ſlimy wateriſh ſtuff, and my pain being much mitigated thereby, encouraged me to take the like doſe next morning in like manner, which

which operated no leſs then the former, and expelled out of my body by Stool abundance of Worms, in form like unto the Prickles of an Hedge-hog ſhaven off: So I forbore taking any more for a full moneth; and then taking the like doſe, which operating like unto the former, expelled in Operation no leſs number of Worms of like form to thoſe the ſecond doſe produced; and ſince that time through the mercy and goodneſs of the Lord to me, I have been as well as ever I was in my life. And have given this teſtimony for the encouragement of all perſons that may be troubled with the like diſtemper, to make uſe of the ſame Pills; giving thoſe to underſtand, that in the time of their working, I took but little food beſides broth: And ſo with my true Love to thee, I reſt and remain *Thy Loving Friend,*

JOHN WEAR.

Noble Doctor;

BEing not known unto you in the leaſt, more than by the Deſcription of the Book you have ſet forth for the taking of your Pills, *which are for the curing of the* Scurvy *and* Dropſie; *Yet Sir, I am bound in honeſty & civility to give you many hearty and humble thanks for the great Cure (by Gods aſſiſtance) that your Pills have made upon my Son* William Hobs, *who was moſt ſadly afflicted with the* Scurvy, *which had been growing upon him almoſt three years, and brought him ſo weak, that he could hardly go or ſtand, neither could he lie in his Bed, but ſit therein being bouſter'd up with Pillows to keep him bending forward, otherwiſe his breath would ſo much fail him, that he could not live, if he lay in his bed as others do, and as now he doth; his Gums were almoſt eaten away, & he became ſo cold, that it was a great deal of care and diligence taken to keep heat within him for almoſt a quarter of a year; and then it was my fortune to light upon one of your Books, and after my ſelf, and Son had peruſed it, my Son had a very great deſire that I ſhould buy one of your 4 s. Boxes of* Pills, *and prepare him the Diet drink according to your Directions; ſo every thing being made ready, he began to take the Pills, and in twice or thrice taking, he found a little amendment, which made my ſelf and wife much to rejoyce; For none that ſaw him in his weakneſs did think he could have lived, but all concluded he was a dead man; He followed taking the Pills, until he had taken almoſt*

the first Box; and still by degrees he mended; and then he desired another 4 s. Box, and by that time he had taken them, he was able to lie in his bed, and to walk down out of his Chamber; then being so much taken with the Pills, *he desired another Box of 8 s. and before that was taken, he was so well and lively, that now I do think he is near as strong as ever he was; and I judge there is hardly a stronger Man in the Parish.*

If any should question the truth of this my Letter, you may be pleased to shew it to Richard Dowdeswel *Esq; one of the Members of the House of Commons, who knows my Hand as well as I do, so doth his Son Mr.* Charles Dowdeswel. *Sir, I am but a plain Countrey man, and not able to express my self in such Language as you deserve, but my self, Wife, and Son, do all pray to God to bless you in your Practice; and so humbly desiring that you would be pleased to write two words to me of the receipt of this, for I shall not be satisfyed till I know that you have received our thanks for your brave Cure; some few of the 8 s. Box of* Pills *are yet remaining: Besides, two or three other Persons have taken thereof, and much good they have found by them.* So I humbly take my leave, and rest, Your most humble Servant to serve you,

MICHAEL HOBBS.

Longdon, *near* Upton *upon* Severn *in the County of* Worcester, Octob. 18. 1671.

Morrover, those Pills are good against violent pains in the Head, Breast, and Stomach, extreme stoppage and windiness thereof; they are also most prevalent against all sudden Surfeits caused by excessive eating or drinking, whereupon violent Feavers, and sometimes pestilential, do ensue, and many times death, if not prevented; which these Pills taken in time (with Gods blessiug) will at once help; they likewise open the obstructions of the Liver and Spleen, and expell all superfluous humidity, and that from the Womb, being oftentimes the cause of Non-conception; they never hurt, but work only upon the humours offending the body; they are the onely medicine to purge the Reins, they provoke urine, hinder the generation of the Gravel and Stone in the Kidneys, strengthen the vessels spermatick, and are well known to help the Ghonorrhea of all kinds, (without the use of astringent medicines) being most safe, according to that authentick Aphorism, *Sublata*

Sublata cauſa tollitur effectus.

They alſo are of excellent uſe for ſuch as are Plethorick, and inclinable to overmuch fat.

In the *DROPSIE*, and *SCURVY*, by a magnetick virtue; they attract or draw all watry humours forth of the Blood, and all other parts, by the Pores into the Inteſtines, ſo carry it off by Stool. They ſtrengthen the Liver, from the coldneſs and weakneſs of which moſt Dropſies proceed: They operate by Stool and Uriue; a large Doſe, which is five ſmall Pills, cauſeth ſometimes the Patient to vomit; they are like a diligent and active Beadle, they wait upon all malignant and extravagant humours, never leaving them till they are out of the Corporation. In a word, they cure the foreſaid Diſtempers, when all other Medicines fail. They retain their virtue for many years, and may ſafely be taken at any ſeaſon of the year, *without hindering of buſineſs*, and are abſolutely the choiceſt Medicine under the Heavens for Mariners, and for ſuch that uſe the Seas, for Souldiers and others that travail much; for they do not only cure ſudden Accidents, but prevent moſt Diſeaſes (more eſpecially) when they are taken as ſoon as there is perceived an indiſpoſition of body; *for if they do not totally at once or twice expel the Diſtemper, they leſſen the malignity thereof, and ſo gradually reſtore the Patient (as it were) from death to life.*

I adviſe all Hydropical and Scorbutical Perſons, during the time of taking theſe Pills, (though uſually very dry) to drink as little as poſſible, except of the Liquor made as followeth: Take the bark of Elder, red Sage, Ground-Ivie, or the Herb called Ale-hoof, Smallage, Fennel-roots, Scurvy-graſs, Pollipody of the Oak, of each half a Pound, of the beſt Juniper-berries one pound, Ginger half an ounce; cut and bruiſe

bruise all these, and tie them up in a thin cloth, and hang them in an earthen Stein, and pour thereto a sufficient quantity of new Ale or Beer; or such that are able may adde some Renish or White wine; so let it work together: When it is fit to drink, you may drink a good draught first in the morning, and last at night. And if there be an appetite, eat any thing of light digestion, though the Pills have not done working; and in warm weather walk about your occasions; for in this Medicine there is no danger; *it is so safe, that I take it my self at any time or season of the year.*

The several ways that those Pills may be taken, are as followeth.

A Child between 6 and 10 years of age, may take one; the weaker sort of people two; the stronger three, four or five: The number you intend take at night going to bed, or after your first sleep; or take one at night, and two in the morning; the stronger sort may take two at night, and three betimes in the morning: But in the Winter-season I advise all to take them about five or six a Clock in the Morning, (and sleep thereon) lest there should be cold taken; swallow them in the pap of a rosted Apple, or any way how you please. Such that cannot take Pills, may cut them into small pieces, and mix therewith Mithridate, or Dialcordium, or any Cordial Syrup, and so take them in a small quantity thereof: You need not drink Posset, or Broth, as with other Physick; but if dry, what you please, as Beer, Ale, White-wine, *&c.* They may be taken every day, every second or third; the greater occasion, the oftner, if strength permit. They operate with much ease, and only upon peccant humours, by which means some are cured in a very short time; others not so soon, according to the Constitution and habit of the Body.

Therefore all may not expect perfect Cure by two or three ſmall Boxes of theſe Pills, (though many have enjoyed that felicity) but if need require take more; and be not inveigled (by perſons of a ſelf-Intereſt) againſt that Medicine which with Gods help will abſolutely cure the Dropſie when no other will prevail, as by daily experience doth appear; So let me adviſe the Ingenious not to prolong time, as many to their utter ruine have done.

Theſe Pills may be ſafely taken at any ſeaſon of the year; if they chance to grow too hard before you take them, then roll them a little between your Fingers, and they will work as well as if newly prepared, though you have had them by you Seuen years.

The Boxes are Sealed with my own Seal: *The* 4 s. *Box contains* 20 *Pills. The* 8 s. *box* 40 *Pills. The* 12 s. *box* 60 *Pills*, which are diſpoſed of by my truſty friend Mr. *Edward Thomas* Bookſeller at the *Adam* and *Eve* in *Little-britain*, whom I have ſolely deputed under my Hand and Seal to make Sale thereof, and he to appoint others alſo to Sell them, not only in the City of *London*, but in all other parts of the Kingdom, *&c.* And are at preſent to be had as followeth:

At Major *Nathan. Brooks* at the *Angel* in *Cornhil*, near the *Roya. Exchange.*

Mr. *George Calvert* at the *Golden Ball* in *Duck Lane.*

Mr. *Edward Brewſter* at the *Crane* in St. *Paul* s Church Yard.

Mr. *John Place* next *Furnivals Inn Gate* in *Holbourn.*

Mr. *Charles Harper* at the *Flower de Luce* in *Fleet ſtreet:*

Mr. *William Crook* at the *Green Draggon* without *Temple Barr.*

Mr. *W. Cadman* Booбſeller at the entrance into the *New Exchange*

Mr. *Thomas Parkurſt* at the *Golden-Bible* and *three Crowns* in *Cheap ſide* near *Mercers Chappel.*

Mrs. *Anne Michel* in *Weſtminſter-Hall.*

Captain *William Newman* at the *Anchor* in *Seething-Lane*, near the *Navy-Office.*

Mr. *John Maſſam* Stationer, at the Sign of the *Swan* upon *Snow-hill* near St. *Sepulchers Church.*

Mr. *John Sermon* at the Colden-Fleece at the Cherry-Garden ſtairs in *Redriff.*

Mr. *John Christmas* over against the Cock in *Suffolk-street* near *Charing-Cross*.

Mr. *Hercules Rooks* at *White-Hall* near the Gate.

Mr. *Wil. Hope* at the North entrance of the *Royal Exchange London*

Mr. *Robert Horn* at the South entrance of the *Royal Exchange*.

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Mr. *Alexander Davis* over against the Golden Heart in *South gate Street* in the City of *Glocester*.

Mr. *John Jones* Bookseller in the City of *Worcester*.

Mr. *Isaac Purs* in *Walton Cardiff*, near *Tewxbury* in the County of *Glocester*.

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Mr. *Wil. Wombwell* at the Coffee-House in *Coney-street* in *York*.

Mr. *Robert Eveleigh* in the City of *Exeter*, Bookseller.

Mr. *Wil. Thorp* Stationer at the Hand and Bible in *Chester*.

Mr. *Robert Harford* Stationer at the Hand and Pen upon the *Point* in *Portsmouth*, Senior.

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Mr. *William King* in *Leominster* in the County of *Hereford*,

Mrs. *Anne Michel* in *Chichester* in the County of *Sussex* Bookseller.

Mr. *James Major* at his House in the beginning of *Wash-lane* in *Ipswich* in the County of *Suffolk*.

Mr. *Edward Cook* at the *Jersey* School in the City of *Lincoln*.

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Mr. *John Goodrick* Bookseller in *Hull*.

And at my house in *East-Harding-street*, at the *two black Posts* near the Sign of *Goldsmiths-hall*, between *Fetter-lane* & *Shoe-lane*, London

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